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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL STATEMENT  
OVER ZONE B ISSUE

REF : BELGRADE 1258 NOTAL; ROME 3845

1. FEC ISSUED A STATEMENT AFTER ITS MARCH 20 MEETING  
WHICH CHARACTERIZED ITALIAN NOTE OF MARCH 11 REGARDING

ZONE B AS "AN OPEN ATTACK ON THE SOVEREIGNTY AND  
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF YUGOSLAVIA AND AS A CRUDE  
ATTEMPT TO VIOLATE THE VALID AGREEMENT BY WHICH THE  
ITALY-YUGOSLAV BORDER WAS DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED".  
IT IS THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1954, THE STATEMENT CONTINUES,  
THAT AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAS OPENLY MADE PRETENSIONS TO  
YUGOSLAV TERRITORY. THE STATEMENT CONCLUDED, AS  
REPORTED IN PRESS, THAT THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO  
DEFEND THEIR TERRITORY, AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST, AND THAT  
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THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MUST RID ITSELF OF ALL ILLUSIONS THAT

IT CAN CHANGE THE EXISTING SITUATION. SLOVENIAN REPUBLIC  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ISSUED A SIMILAR STATEMENT ON MARCH 20.

2. PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION ARE GIVING WIDEPLAY TO  
THIS ISSUE, AND THERE ARE REPORTS OF "PROTEST" MEETINGS  
THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY OVER THE ITALIAN NOTE. TEXT OF  
ITALIAN STATEMENT OF MARCH 19, WHICH, WHILE NOT RENOUNCING  
ITALIAN CLAIMS OVER ZONE B, DID EXPRESS WISH FOR CONTINUED  
GOOD RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA, APPEARED IN RED  
TANJUG (REVIEW OF FOREIGN PRESS PREPARED FOR YUGOSLAV  
OFFICIALS), BUT WAS NOT PUBLISHED IN PRESS OF MARCH 20.  
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